

White Deer Lake Camp, Beaver Cabin  
Cyrus H. McCormick Experimental Forest  
Champion vicinity  
Marquette County  
Michigan

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Physical History

Although the exact date of construction is unknown, this building appears complete in photos dated circa 1907, suggesting a construction date of 1904-1907. In 1930, alterations to the interior were done using logs to build a new bathroom. Later, the porch was roofed over, the cabin roof was insulated, and a vapor barrier and ceiling were installed on the underside of the roof, according to plans dated 1938 and 1936-1938 memos.

Description

The Beaver Cabin is a 24-by 30-foot horizontal log structure with a 6-foot wide attached porch. Logs are only slightly scribed and joints have mortar chinking. The roof structure consists of horizontal purlins along the slope which support log rafters. Wood shakes were used for roof covering on the Cabin and the porch. The interior is divided into two bedrooms with an adjoining bath. Entry to each bedroom is from the porch. The porch floor is constructed of 2 inch softwood planking. Two brick chimneys are located at each end of the cabin to serve wood stoves in the bedrooms. The foundation is simply logs laid on native stone or bedrock.

For overview history, see White Deer Lake Camp, MI-30.

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